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NATIONAL DEFENCE.

A Special General Meeting of the LORD LIEUTENANT and DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS of the City County of the City of Edinburgh, and Districts adjoining thereto, held within the Council Chamber of the City of Edinburgh, the 4th of May 1798.

PRESENTS.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Lieutenant, Lord Adam Gordon, Major Kinloch, James Jackson, Esq. William Dalrymple, Esq. Thomas Smith, Esq. William Hall, Esq. Charles Kerr, Esq. Archibald Clarkfield, Esq. William Hunter, Esq. Neil Macleod, Esq.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT IN THE CHAIR.

The following Papers were produced by the Lord Lieutenant and read—

His Majesty's Order to the Lord Lieutenant for holding General and Subdivision Meetings.

The Act of Parliament, cap. 27, of the present year, received in His Majesty's Order.

Two Letters to the Lord Lieutenant, from the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, dated respectively the 6th and 12th days of April last.

Proposals for rendering the body of the people instrumental in the general defense, saving their property, and disengaging the enemy, by removing means of subsistence from threatening parts of the country; as also for infusing the necessary supplies to his Majesty's forces, and facilitating their movements, in case of invasion, without making any expensive preparations.

The forms of the Schedules, No. 1, 2, and 3, for procuring particular returns, as directed in the first clause of the said Schedule.

The Meeting, after due deliberation, unanimously adopted the following

RESOLUTIONS.

That, at the present important crisis, it is a duty incumbent on persons of every description to use their best endeavours, and utmost exertions, for the defence of their country, and the protection of their religion, their laws, and their liberties, against the attacks of an enemy aiming at nothing less than the plunder of the country, the destruction of our commerce, and the complete overthrow of the British Constitution.

That the several measures recommended in the Letter of the Secretary of State, for the internal defence of the kingdom, founded on the act of Parliament before mentioned, and the other parts of the proposed plan, appear to be well calculated for the important object, and ought to be carried into execution as expeditiously as possible.

That they will, to the utmost of their power, call forth the inhabitants of this City most effectually to associate themselves in the different districts appointed within the county of the city of Edinburgh, for its defence and protection.

That the Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants acting within these districts will use all such means as they shall think proper and most effectual to obtain the concurrence of the inhabitants in the several important objects pointed out in the said Resolution.

That a Committee be appointed to assist the Lord Lieutenant, and for the purpose of superintending and carrying into the specified effect the various details in the act of Parliament, and to negotiate with His Majesty's Commander in Chief, and other Military Officers under him, in the execution thereof; and to consult of the present Magistrates and other Deputy Lieutenants, and the Convener of the Trades of Edinburgh; the Lord Lieutenant, in his absence, the Senior Magistrate of the City being Consulted.

Upon motion of Mr Jackson, resolved, That this Meeting return their thanks to the Lord Lieutenant, for the great attention he paid to the present and former interests of the community; and they agreed to adjourn to Friday the 18th May current, at 12 o'clock, to meet in the same place; and that their Resolution be published in the following newspapers, viz. Advertiser, Courant, Mercury, and Herald.

(Signed) THO. ELDER, Lt. Lt.

COUNTY OF DUMFRIES.

A General Meeting of the Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Landholders of the County of DUMFRIES, held within the County Hall of Dumfries, upon the 30th day of April 1798.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DALKEITH,

Lord Lieutenant of the said County, in the Chair.

THE Lord Lieutenant laid before the Meeting the late act of Parliament for enabling his Majesty more effectually to provide for the defence and security of the realm, with a circular letter of the fifth instant, from Mr Secretary Dundas, and a printed paper, entitled "Proposals," and other papers therein referred to, all which having been read to and considered by the Meeting, were most unanimously approved of, and various resolutions were adopted for carrying the same into immediate execution.

It was also unanimously resolved, That the most effectual mode of raising supplies for carrying on the war against an enemy, determined on the destruction of Great Britain, will be by imposing an equal tax upon property of all descriptions, from a consequence that every man or property will willingly give up a part thereof, to preserve the remainder, and to secure the numerous blessings we enjoy under our happy Constitution.

DALKEITH, L. L.

COUNTY OF BERWICK.

MEETING of the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of Peace of the County of Berwick.

Dunfermline, 7th May, 1798.

PRESENT.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Home.

Rob. Hay of Drumnelzier.

D. Wetherston of Manderston.

John Lumidale of Blaenam.

John Cockburn Rofe of Rowes.

Mung Scott of Harden.

John Hume of Ninewells.

THE EARL OF HOME, LORD LIEUTENANT, Pres.

There was laid before the meeting, a letter from the Right Hon. Henry Dundas; also an act of Parliament passed in the 8th year of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty more effectually to provide for the defence and security of the realm, during the present war, and for indemnifying persons who may suffer in their property;" and also a warrant under his Majesty's sign manual, authorising the Lieutenant, and Magistrates of the county, to do all acts, matters, and things necessary for these purposes, that they are enabled to do by the laws now in force concerning the militia forces in this kingdom.

The Meeting having taken the above into consideration,

Resolved, That in the present important crisis it is the duty of persons of every rank and condition to give every assistance in their power for carrying into execution the foreaid act of Parliament for the defence of the country, and the protection of the lives and properties of the inhabitants.

That the Deputy Lieutenants in their several districts, with the Justices of Peace, Ministers, and other inhabitants whom they shall call to their assistance, shall proceed, without delay, to hold Meetings from time to time for accomplishing the purposed of the act, and obtaining the Voluntary Enrolment of all the able-bodied inhabitants in those corps in which their services are likely to be most useful, either in repelling the enemy, or in preserving the lives and property of the inhabitants.

That it be a particular instruction to the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of Peace of the districts upon the sea coasts to provide, in the first place, for the safety of the women, the aged and infirm, by removing them, with provisions necessary for their support, to a place of security, in case there shall be any landing of the enemy on the coasts of this or the neighbouring counties.

Appoint reports to be ready to be laid before the next General Meeting to be held at Greenlaw on Monday the 20th instant, to which day and place they adjourn.

HOME, Lieutenant.

COUNTY OF STIRLING.

AT a Meeting held at Stirling, the 7th of May 1798, consisting of the King's Lieutenant, the Deputy Lieutenant, the Justices of the Peace of the County of Stirling, for the purpose of carrying into execution "An Act to enable His Majesty more effectually to provide for the defence and security of the Realm, and for indemnifying persons who may suffer in their property by such measures as may be necessary for that purpose," &c.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF MONTROSE,

Lord Lieutenant of the County, in the Chair.

The Lord Lieutenant laid before the Meeting letters which he had received from the Secretary of State, containing instructions for carrying the above mentioned act into execution, with other communications and schedules referred to, and also submitted for consideration a proposal intituled to him, by the Right Honourable Henry Dundas, for rendering the body of the people instrumental to the general defence of the country.—And the Meeting, after deliberation,

RESCOLVED,

That, having heard read, and considered the before mentioned act, letters, and papers, they unanimously approve of the plans adopted by Government for the more effectual defence of the country, and declare, That it is the duty of all persons of every description, at this time, voluntarily to come forward, and use their utmost exertions for the defence of the constitution, and the preservation of the country now threatened by a formidable force; and that exertions should not only be voluntary, but immediate and vigorous, to baffle the efforts of an enemy aiming at nothing short of the destruction of every thing that nation values and holds dear.

The Meeting warn, order, and appoint all Schoolmasters, Constables, and other Officers of the County, to attend, obey, and assist the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace, in their duty, and to give all the aid in their power to carry the objects of the act before alluded to into effect; and the Deputy Lieutenants are requested by themselves, or in conjunction with other Lieutenants, as they find most convenient, to see the act put into execution without delay, as a measure greatly interesting the public safety.

The Meeting request the concurrence, and recommend to each Deputy Lieutenant, to endeavour particularly and forthwith, to obtain the concurrence and aid of the Heritors, Clergymen, and Farmers, and to engage them to explain to the rest of the inhabitants the judicious plans suggested by Government, for the defence of the country, and for the safety and indemnification of individuals who may suffer from the attacks of the enemy, or in defence of the country; which desirable purpose can best be effected, in the opinion of this Meeting, by the necessary, laudable, and able arrangements, now pointed out by the Secretary of State, being carried into early and complete effect.

It is also the opinion of this Meeting, That, as the possession of numerous, truly, and well appointed bodies of cavalry, is peculiarly desirable, in the prospect of invasion, and for the preservation of the internal peace and good order of the country—Therefore, the Meeting particularly recommend to all Gentlemen, Yeomen, and Farmers, within the county, who are accustomed to keep horses, to join, and form Volunteer Corps of Cavalry, to be under the command of the Gentlemen residing in the county.

RESCOLVED,

That these Resolutions be published in the news papers; and that copies be printed and transcribed to the Deputy Lieutenants, and by them to the resident acting Justices of the Peace, for the information of the County.

Mr Glaister of Dougalstone moved, and it was resolved unanimously,

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, for the assistance he has afforded, the communications he has made, in explaining to the Meeting the objects to which their attention ought particularly to be directed.

(Signed) MONTRÉO.

The Meeting adjourned to the 5th day of June next, then further to consider the business which has engaged the Meeting this day, and to receive the reports of the Deputy Lieutenants;—but, should the Deputy Lieutenants find any difficulty in carrying these measures into effect, they are desired to apply for legal information to the proper Officers of the Crown, and to the King's Lieutenant, for any other assistance they may require.

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Arrived on Monday last, at their house here, E. P. MEADOWS, Esq., and Mrs. MEADOWS.

Monday, the first division of the REAY FENCIBLES left Belfast on their route for Cavan, and Granard. The behaviour of this regiment during their residence, which has been upwards of two years in Belfast, has gained them the esteem of all the inhabitants. For while they discharged their duty with promptitude and attention, they conducted themselves with the greatest propriety and moderation.

The first division of the FIFESHIRE FENCIBLES arrived at Belfast from Carrickfergus on Monday. The conduct of this regiment during their residence there, had much endeared them to the inhabitants.

The balloting for the Militia in Berwickshire took place at Dunse on Monday, the meeting was held in the Church, to give the great number who attended an opportunity of being present, and they all behaved with the greatest propriety and decorum. It was agreeable to observe, that so far from their being any objections to this salutary measure, several of the young men, expressed themselves not only satisfied, but pleased that the lot had fallen on them, to serve in defence of their country, at this important crisis.

On Tuesday last the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace held their District Meeting at Tranent, for the purpose of balloting for the quota of persons liable to serve in the Militia.

It is with pleasure we understand that at this and all the other District Meetings of the County of East Lothian, the ballot has been carried on with the greatest order and good humour.

D U B L I

INVERNESS, MAY 4.

On Tuesday night there was a ball after the business of the county meeting was over, when a quarrel ensued between Colonel M'D—, G—, and Lieutenant M'L— of the 42d; the former received a challenge to meet Lieutenant M'L— next morning, but there was a misunderstanding either as to the place or time, and they did not meet; yesterday morning G— received a letter from Lieutenant M'L— to meet him at the beach east of Fort George, when the parties met, and exchanged a round of pistols without effect, upon which the seconds interferred, and G— made up to Mr M'L—, and asked his pardon for the offence given him; Mr M'L— would receive no apology, and desired him to take his ground again.

A second round was fired, when Lieutenant M'L— fell, by the effect of a shot received in his right breast—he again came to his knee to have another round, but could not stand; he was then carried to Fort George. I hear the ball was extracted, but he is not supposed to be out of danger.

CIRCUIT INTELLIGENCE.

PERTH, MAY 7.

The Circuit Court of Justiciary was opened here, on Wednesday last, by the Right Hon. the Lords Eskgrove and Methven, and the following business came before the Court.

Alexander Young, son of William Young, merchant in Cupar, accused of willful fire raising.

Peter Miller, merchant in Newburgh, and Helen Lew his spouse, accused likewise of willful fire raising.

William Henderson, weaver in Cupar, William Morris, m. weaver there, and James Matthew, weaver at Bideford of Ceres, accused of sedition.

James Craigallie or Craegellie, weaver, in Perth likewise accused of sedition.

William Bell, weaver, Clayhole, accused of murder.

Donald Stewart, son of William Stewart in Croftnacoil, and Alexander Stewart, road undertaker at Portaferry, accused of mobbing and rioting.

James Murray and Daniel Stewart, in Blairgowrie, accused of mobbing and rioting there.

John and James Scrymgeour, in Brae of Grandtully, and Alexander Stewart, road undertaker at Portaferry, were accused of attempting to rescue Angus Cameron and James Menzies from a detachment of the Wind-for-foresters, commanded by Captain Colberg.

The above persons were all outlawed for not appearing to stand trial.

John Anderson, accused of theft, was, upon his own petition, with the consent of the Advocate Depute, banished Scotland for life.

Agnes Hamilton, accused of theft, and found guilty by her own confession, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, and banished Scotland for fourteen years.

John McGregor was accused of murder. The Jury found him guilty of the murder, but found that he was insane before and at the time of committing the crime. He was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

John McLaggan at Croftnacoil, commonly called Duke Lenox, James Menzies, jun. merchant in Weem, John Stewart, alias McCulloch, merchant in Newbigging, and James McIntosh, were accused of mobbing and rioting at Castle Menzies, and other places, with a view to obstruct the execution of the militia act, and found guilty of the crimes libelled. McLaggan was sentenced to three months imprisonment, and to be banished Scotland for five years; Menzies and Stewart were sentenced to transportation for seven years; James McIntosh was sentenced to three months imprisonment, and to find security to keep the peace for two years.

William Ballantine and James Ballantine at Croftcroy, Thomas Moon, miller at Pitgirr, on Mill of Ballyoukan, Thomas Ferguson at Ballychandy, and John Robertson, shoemaker in Ballenbuig, likewise accused of the same crimes, were found guilty. James Ballantine and Thomas Moon were sentenced to be imprisoned for one year, and to find security to keep the peace for two years thereafter; William Ballantine, Thomas Ferguson and John Robertson to be imprisoned for one year, and to be banished Scotland for five years thereafter.

Peter Farquharson, weaver in Rattray, Robert Dysart, weaver in Alyth, James Niven, tailor there, and Duncan McKenzie at Tullyfergus, were charged with committing similar offences. Farquharson, Dysart and McKenzie were found guilty, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, and to keep the peace for two years thereafter.—The libel against James Niven was found not proven, and he was affloated simpliciter, and dismissed from the bar.

John Carnie, Alexander Hall, and James Hall, at the calico printfield of Melville and Company, accused of violently assaulting and beating two of the privates in the Sutherland Fencibles, were found guilty and sentenced to four months imprisonment, and to find security to keep the peace for two years thereafter.—The Court gave judgment in two appeals, which ended the Northern Circuit.—The Court sat six days at Perth.

Shipping Intelligence.

The fleet for the Baltic, which has been detained since the 25th ult. by the easterly winds, sailed from Leith Roads on Tuesday forenoon, under convoy of the Pomona, and an armed brig.

The Leith armed tender is appointed to convoy the trade bound to London, and the intermediate ports—and we understand she is to sail on the 13th inst. from Leith Roads.

The Ariadne, Cumming, from Leith, arrived at London, the 7th inst. all well.

On the arrival of Captain Muirhead and the crew of the Blest Endeavour, Greenlander, of Dunbar, (that was lost on the night of the 4th April, on Fair Isle) at Kirkwall in Orkney, the inhabitants of that place manifested the greatest humanity and benevolence towards these distressed seamen, by every mark of attention to them in their power, and collected £1. 9s. to assist in defraying their necessary charges to their respective homes. What a worthy imitation of charity for others to copy after! These poor people lost every thing except the cloths on their backs.

The Dispatch, Crombie, bound from London to Inverness, with recruits for the 79th regiment, was taken 3 miles off Sunderland, the 13th of April, by the Purpure lugger of Dunkirk, Burgoine, master, of 10 guns and 90 men. The privateer arrived at Eger Sound the 15th, and the Dispatch, with another brig, laden with grain, from Lynn to Bo'ness, were ordered for Norway. The prisoners were stripped of every thing but as they stood.

DRONTHEIM, April 2.

This post the French Consul has got an order to detain all the Frenchmen here; and I believe he sends an immediate express to Christiania, to prevent a vessel going further, having the crew of a privateer on board, which was wrecked to the north of this. A corvette is coming here for all Frenchmen, who is to cruise on this coast, and have her station at Christiania—this will put an entire stop to the English trade, as no vessel can escape them either coming or going."

ARRIVED AT LEITH

MAY 8.

Leith Packet, Paton, from Dundee, goods—Mary, Sime, from Perth, grain—Peggy, Milne from McDuff, goods—William and John Hunter, from New Castle, do—Jenny, McPherson, from Greenock, do.

MAY 9.

Glasgow Packet, Taylor, from London, goods—Ceres, Baird, from Greenock, do—Tweed Packet, Ord, from London, do—Six sloops with coals.

CLEARED OUT

Speedwell, Crighton, for Aberdeen, goods—Hunter, Stewart, for Kirkcudbright, do—Edinburgh and Berwick Packet, Cooper, for London, do—Jean, Frazer, for Glasgow, do.

LONDON

CLEARED OUTWARDS

MAY 5.

Berwick—London Packet, John Ramsay—Leith—Berwick—Merchants, Wm. White; Kelso Packet, James Watson—Berwick and Leith—Ceres, Robert Moore—Aberdeen, Friendship, William Milne—Inverness—Resolution, Alexander McKenzie.

SEQUESTRATIONS, &c.

May 1.—JAMES M'KENEY, Vintner in Gatehouse.—Creditors to meet in his house, Gatehouse of Fleet, on the 15th May curt. at noon, to chuse an interim factor; and at same place and hour, on the 15th June next, to chuse a trustee.

—JAMES ALLAN, Merchant in Brechin.—Creditors to meet in the Court-room, Brechin, on the 17th May curt. at noon, to chuse an interim factor; and at same place and hour, on the 14th June next, to chuse a trustee.

—JOHN GEEKE, Drover at Keithcock.—Creditors to meet in the house of John Martin, vintner, Brechin, on the 22d May curt. at noon, to chuse an interim factor; and at same place and hour, on the 12th June next, to chuse a trustee. Examination of JOHN MILNE, jun. Merchant in Mohtrone, on 24th May curt. at 11 A.M. in the Court-room, Brechin.—Creditors to meet in the Trades Hall, Montrose, on 25th May curt. to instruct the trustee.

Creditors of HUGH WYLIE, Merchant, Kilmarnock, to lodge their claim, &c. in the hands of the trustee between and the 1st July next.

EDINBURGH PRICES OF MEAL, MAY 8.

Lothian Oatmeal, 30s. bolts. South Country, Lothian per Bushel, South Country per Bushel, Price per Peck. First, L. 16 6 First, L. 0 0 0 First, s. 1 0 Second, o 16 0 Second, o 0 0 Second, 1 0 Third, o 14 0 Third, o 0 0 Third, 1 0

ERRAT. in our last.—In the sale of MEMEL TIMBER AT ALLOA, for 1000 feet, read 10,000 feet.

TO BE SOLD,

SIX SHARES of the STOCK of the BANK of SCOTLAND. Apply to G. Robinson, and R. Ainslie, writers to the signet.

MONEY TO LEND,

SIX HUNDRED POUND to be LENT on heritable security, at the ensuing term of Whitsunday.—Apply to Richard Hotchkiss, W. S.

TO BE LET IN ST. JOHN'S STREET.

A LARGE commodious LODGING, consisting of 11 fire rooms, besides kitchen and every other convenience fit to accommodate a large family. To be let with or without a stable and coach-house.

For particulars apply to Mr John Lamond, South Bridge, or to John Graeme Dalzell, Esq. advocate.

300 GUINEAS REWARD.

WHEREAS on the night of the 6th, or morning of the 7th inst. the Mail Coach Office in Dawson Street, was feloniously entered and robbed of Cash and Bank Notes, &c. to a considerable amount, the public are hereby cautioned from taking any of the following Post Bills, of which payment has been stopped at the Bank, but requested to stop such of them as may be offered, and give immediate notice thereof to the above office, in order, if possible, to trace the perpetrator of this nefarious robbery, and bring them to justice. And the more effectually to do so, a Reward of THREE HUNDRED GUINEAS is hereby offered for the discovery of the person or persons guilty of said offence, whereby he or they may be brought to punishment, the reward to be paid on conviction of the offender or offenders; and should the informants be an accomplice, application will be made to obtain his Majesty's most gracious pardon.

The National Post Bills alluded to are 24th Feb. 1798. No. 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, each 20 Guineas.

No. 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, each 10 Guineas.

No. 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, each 3 Guineas.

March 1. 1798. No. 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, each 20 Guineas.

No. 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, each 20 Guineas.

The whole are payable to the Order of Messrs PEDDER and COTTER.

MAIL COACH OFFICE, DUBLIN, 30th March, 1798.

GEORGE BELL.

PORT-SETON HOUSE IN EAST LOTHIAN TO LET.

TO BE LET, unfurnished, for one year from Whitsunday first, THE said HOUSE OF PORT-SETON, consisting of a large

kitchen, with a water-pipe and scullery, housekeeper's room and lobby off the same, dining room and drawing room, with closets off both, four bed-rooms and closets off the same, one of which is a bed-closet, garret fitted up with beds for servants, a large cellar fitted up with catacombs, milk-house, hen-house, walking-houses, coach-house, and stable with hay loft, and byre.—Also about three rods of ground round the house, well inclosed with a stone and lime dyke. The tenant to pay all the taxes.

The house lies about nine miles from Edinburgh, about seven from Haddington, one from Tranent, and one from Prestonpans; from which last a stage coach goes to Edinburgh and returns every lawful day, and there are good markets in the immediate neighbourhood of the place.

For further particulars, apply to James Mitchel, factor for the Earl of Wemyss, at Haddington.

GALLERY OF FASHION.

GILCHRIST and CO. respectfully inform their numerous Friends and the Public, That they have now got to hand nearly the whole of their LONDON and MANCHESTER PURCHASES, selected on the spot by one of the Partners, and including every thing elegant and fashionable in their line; among which will solicit the attention of the Public to

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THREE POUNDS REWARD.

LAST, a Read Morocco Leather POCKET BOOK, per head, ready new, containing Two Guineas, Two Notes of Five Shillings each, Two Hair Powder Licenses, a Receipt for goods shipped at London, and several Letters addressed to the Gentleman whose name is on the out side.

The above Reward will be paid to any person that will deliver the Pocket Book and the contents, at No. 71, Prince's Street and no questions asked.

NORTH POST.

At a General Meeting of the Commissioners of Supply for the County of Kincardine, held at Stonehaven the 30th day of April, one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight years.

THE Meeting having taken into consideration the grievance of the people of this county suffer, by the detention of their letters, both going and coming through the Post Office at Edinburgh, for about eight hours daily; and also by the expeditious method of conveying the mail north from Edinburgh, which, in the present improved state of the roads, they are of opinion might be much accelerated.

Refuge unanimously, At a crisis when a quick circulation of intelligence may be of the greatest importance to the safety of the country, and which at all times would promote its interest, that they will keep united with the other counties and towns of the north of Scotland, in using all lawful means to obtain it; and we recommend it to our Representative in Parliament, Sir John Stuart, Baronet, to use his utmost efforts to procure the redress, which will be to the interest of his constituents.

The Meeting request the Prefect to transmit copies of this resolution to the Postmaster General at London, the Postmaster General Edinburgh, to Mr Secretary Dundas, to Sir John Stuart; and that the Clerk be directed to publish the same in the Edinburgh Herald, the Edinburgh Advertiser and Courant, and in the Aberdeen Journal, and Caledonian Mercury.

A. BURNETT; Prefect.

KELSO BRIDGE.

THE Committee appointed by the County have resolved to erect a BRIDGE OF TWO IRON ARCHES, each containing a span of Two Hundred Feet, over the River Tweed at Kelso, on the site of the former Stone Bridge. The expense of the New Bridge is estimated at about Ten Thousand Pounds, which it is proposed to raise by a subscription, on the credit of a Pontage. The whole sum to be divided into shares of Fifty Pounds, and each Subcriber to take one or more shares at his pleasure.

Subscriptions will be received by Mr James Potts, Sheriff, Jedburgh; Mr David Brown, writer in Melrose; Mr William Elliot, writer in Hawick; and by Mr Smith, Clerk to the Committee of Kelso; with whom are lodged a note of the rates of the intended Pontage, and a state of the probable annual produce thereof.

As it is impossible that the

HAIR-POWDER TAX.

STAMP-OFFICE, Edinburgh, 30th April 1798.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Hair-Powder Certificate will continue to be given out at this office, and the respective offices in the country, as formerly advertised, for two weeks longer from this date, from ten o'clock forenoon till three afternoon, for payment of the duty only.

Every person wearing Hair-powder since the 5th April next, without having taken out a certificate, forfeits twenty pounds.

ALEXANDER MENZIES, Head Distributor

and Collector, North Britain.

N.B. Informations will be received by the Solicitor against all persons wearing Hair-powder without a license, who will give sufficient rewards to the informer; and those still neglecting to take out certificates after this intimation, will have themselves to blame for being prosecuted for the penalty of 20s. An alphabetical list is always ready for inspection at this office, and also at the other offices in the country.

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The following Inhabitants of the Parish of St Cuthbert's, per delivery by the Rev. Mr Paul.	—	—
Messrs. George Newton, West Kirk, Maryfield	—	—
Alexander Milne, Kirkbaehead	—	—
James Forester, merchant, Simon's square	—	—
Andrew Hutchison, late fisher, Edin.	—	—
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J. Bowes 1 1 0 A. Hutchison, jun.	—	—
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A. Dick, weaver, Aberombie 0 10 0 D. Cook, servant	—	—
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W. Dowie, do. 0 5 0 T. Allan, fener	—	—
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J. Hutt, fisher 0 5 0 D. Eason, jun. do.	—	—
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The following Subscriptions in the Parish of Fala.

Rev. Mr Singers, minister, Fala Manse, (subscribed formerly at Dalkeith)
Mrs Singers, Fala Manse,
Miss Singers, do.
Hugh Dalrymple Singers, do.
Dr Lauder, 2d Fencible regiment, Fala House, a second subscription,
Mrs Lauder, Fala House,
Thomas Oliver, farmer, Fala Hall,
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David Hunter, ditto, Soutra Mains
James Rutherford, ditto, Upper Brotherstones
James Pearson, ditto, Fala Mill
James Pearson, ditto, ditto
John Pearson, joiner, Fala Dam
James Brokey, mason, Fala
Betty Brokey, filser to James Brokey, ditto
John Brokey, mason, ditto
John Paterson, schoolmaster, ditto
John Notman, carrier, ditto
James Paton, weaver, ditto
James Oliver, smith, ditto
Christian Wight, spouse to James Oliver, ditto
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George Crawford, ditto, ditto
James Fife, ditto, ditto
Andrew Pearson, ditto, ditto
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Robert Ritchie, tailor, ditto
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William Slater, tailor, ditto
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George Dick, son to ditto, ditto
Adam Knox, servant to Mr Hunter, farmer, Soutra
Maine
John Knox, ditto, ditto
John Stirling, ditto, ditto
James Shiels, ditto, ditto
Thomas Lawson, ditto, ditto
Robert Mitchel, ditto, ditto
James Nesbitt, ditto, ditto
Wm. Waterston and spouse, shepherd to ditto, ditto
Jas. Waterston, and spouse, do. to ditto, ditto
Geo. Stirling and spouse, ditto, to ditto, ditto
Jean Stirling, servant to ditto, ditto
James Handlie, ditto, ditto
John Wight, ditto, ditto
James Affleck, servant to Mr Rutherford, farmer, Upper Brotherstones
James Emrie, ditto, ditto
Robert Young, ditto, ditto
John Dick, ditto, ditto
William Hardie, ditto, ditto
Donald Frazer, ditto, ditto
Mary Keay, ditto, ditto
Agnes Dick, ditto, ditto
Margaret Pringle, ditto, ditto
James Rutherford, indweller, Crichton
Eliz. Wilson, spouse to J. Pearson, sen. Fals Mill
James Pearson, daughter to ditto, ditto
John Taylor, servant to Mr Pearson, ditto
W. Lawson, ditto, ditto
W. Mackure, ditto, ditto, a boy
John Laurie, ditto, ditto
Agnes Frier, spouse to J. Laurie, ditto
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James Keay, wright, with John Pearson, ditto
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W. Yall, servant to ditto
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Joseph Brokey, mason, Soutrahill toll
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Betty Fife, daughter to J. Fife, day labourer, Fala
Hugh Cameron, day labourer, Tuniplea
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John Blakey, servant to Mrs Falconer, ditto
Eliza McDowell, servant to Mrs Falconer, ditto
Mary Monilaws, servant to Mrs Falconer, ditto
Rabiny Anderson, servant to Mrs Falconer, ditto
Agnes Cunningham, servant to Mrs Falconer, ditto
Robert Cunningham, indweller, Kilnhoufe, at Soutrahill Toll
Robert Lees, farmer, Nether Brotherstones,
Thomas Lees, ditto, ditto
William Murray, shepherd to Mrs Lees, Nether
Brotherstones
Servants to Major McLean, Crichton, parish of Crichton.
Mrs Kemp, Thomas Huddleton, Robert Amos, Jas. Allan, W. Burns, and Janet Hardie, 5s. each
Agnes Wood, Betty Kitchen, Betty Battarne, and
Bella Pearson, 2s. 6d. each

COUNTY OF EDINBURGH.

ADJOURNED ROUP OF TOLLS.

THE TRUSTEES for putting into execution the TURN-PIKE ACTS of the county of Edinburgh, are requested to meet in the Old Jusiticiary Court House of Edinburgh, on Saturday the 12th day of May inst. at 12 o'clock noon.
At this Meeting the Trulfees will EXPOSE TO ROUP, for one year, or for such other period, not exceeding three years, as the Trustees may then determine, the TOLL DUTIES collected at the two following bars, viz.—
LOANHEAD—in the district of Corstorphine.—Sir John Inglis, Convener—Entry 15th May.
HOWDENBRIDGE, formerly Combfoot, including the CUS-TOMS at NORTH BRIDGE OF CALDER—in Cader dist.—John Davie, Esq. of Gaviefield, Convener—Entry 14th August.
Persons intending to offer, will be careful to bring their cautions along with them, and they will observe, that by way of encouragement, security is now required to the extent of one sixth of the rent only.
Thomas Cranston, W. S. No. 23, North Castle Street, Edinburgh, will shew the articles of roup, and inform as to other particulars, and persons inclining to treat for either of the Toll Bars before mentioned, previous to the day of roup, will be pleased to apply without delay to the Conveners of the two districts, who have full powers from the last General Meeting to negotiate with intending tackmen, and to close a bargain if suitable offers be made, not under the present yearly rent or acknowledgement.

THE CLERKS of the DISTRICTS will please to take notice, that such of them as propose to roup their Toll Duties in July next, must apply to this General Meeting for authority to do so and for that purpose signed motions should be previously lodged with Mr Cranston.

VALUABLE SALMON FISHINGS AT ABERDEEN.

THE Proprietors of THREE FOURTH SHARES of the NETHER DON and CRUIVE FISHINGS ON DON are ready to receive sealed tenders or offers for the sale of the fish that shall be caught on these properties, for the five following seafsons, commencing at Andermais, or 12th December next, in the present year 1798, and deliverable at the river side, as usual. The offers to apply to the under mentioned periods in the seafson, and to be given in to the Rev. Mr Bannerman, advocate in Aberdeen, on or before twelve o'clock noon of Tuesday the 2nd of May next, when they will be opened in the New Inn of Aberdeen, in presence of the gentlemen concerned, and of such of the officers as chuse to attend; and the highest offer, on fair competition, will be preferred, on finding security—viz.—

For the SALMON, per pound Amsterdam.

From the commencement of the seafson to the 30th of April.

From that to 15th July.

And from that to the end of the seafson, or 18th September inclusive.

For the GRILSES per pound Amsterdam.

From the commencement of the fishing during the seafson.

The price of all the Fish caught previous to the 20th of June, to be then payable in Aberdeen; and from that date to the end of the seafson, on the 20th of December thereafter.

That the offers may not be opened before the time appointed, it is requested that they may be inclosed in an envelope, addressed as above, and marked—"OFFER FOR THE DON FISH."

DALACHY LIME WORKS.

THE BURNING of LIME has commenced at these Works

—The prices are as formerly.

RAW STONE, at 2s. 10d. per ton of 22 cwt.

SHELLS, at 1s.